

# IOCE questionnaire for Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs)

## Introductory message:

If you represent a VOPE, whether or not your VOPE responded to the IOCE questionnaire in the past, and your previous response was uploaded to the [www.ioce.net](http://www.ioce.net) website, you are invited to re-register your VOPE using this updated questionnaire format.

There are two parts to this questionnaire: Part I asks a series of basic profile questions that will be searchable on the IOCE website. Part II, which is basically the same as in the past, asks more detailed questions about the plans and experiences of your VOPE.

*The responses to the questions on Part I, the Basic Profile Information survey, are asked for in the new IOCE VOPE Registration Form on the [www.ioce.net/en/VOPERegistration.php](http://www.ioce.net/en/VOPERegistration.php) website. But initially you may find it helpful to first enter your responses within this Word document. Once you are ready you can then go to the website and enter data about your VOPE there.*

Note: you may find the list of questions useful for conducting an annual self-assessment of the current capacities of your VOPE.

Once your regional VOPE and IOCE recognize and verify your submission, your organization (VOPE) will be accepted as a Regular Member of IOCE. If you want your VOPE to be recognized as a Full (Contributing) Member of IOCE, you may change your membership level at any time in your profile.

It will be up to you to keep the information about your VOPE up-to-date if there are any changes. Your VOPE's profile will then be visible to others visiting the IOCE website.

In order to provide even more information about your VOPE, you are also invited to share your response to the full IOCE VOPE questionnaire (including the more detailed Part II) by sending the full Word document to [Lynn@IOCE.net](mailto:Lynn@IOCE.net). It will then be uploaded to the IOCE website.

## Part I: Basic Profile Information

### Membership level:

*First of all, do you want your VOPE to be recognized as an **Ordinary Member** of IOCE, or a **Full (Contributing) Member**? The advantages of the latter are described at the bottom of the "Instructions for registering VOPE on new IOCE database" document. Even if initially you register as an Ordinary Member, you have the option to upgrade to Full Membership later.*

Full name of VOPE*	Malagasy Association pour le Suivi et l'Evaluation
Acronym of VOPE*	MASSE
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<b><u>IOCE Membership Status</u></b>	

Ordinary member of IOCE	X
Full (Contributing) Member of IOCE	
<b>Organizational Identification</b>	
VOPE website URL ( <i>if any</i> )	www.masse-mg.org
Postal address for VOPE	BP 4212 Antananarivo 101 Madagascar
Year VOPE founded*	2006
Current status* ( <i>identify which</i> )	Informal network <b>Formal association/society (charter and bylaws adopted)</b>
VOPE legally recognized by government?*	No Not yet (but we're working on it) <b>Yes</b>
Geographic scope of organization*	International Regional (multi-national) <b>National</b> Sub-national (e.g. local affiliate)
If regional VOPE: Name of region	
If national or sub-national VOPE: Name of country	MADAGASCAR
If sub-national VOPE: name geographical area	
If VOPE with sectoral focus, name of sector	
<b>Membership</b>	
Number of dues-paying official members*	26
Number of non-dues-paying members	
Total current number of members*	26
Total on mailing list	26
Is your VOPE open to membership by anybody with interest in evaluation?	No <b>Yes</b>
Does the membership of your VOPE include specialists in a variety of sectors/ disciplines?	No <b>Yes</b>
Number of VOPE members working in governmental agencies	12
Number of VOPE members working in NGOs/CSOs	7
Number of VOPE members working in academia	4
Number of VOPE members who work in private sector (including free-lance consultants)	7
Number of VOPE membership who are women	9
Number of VOPE members who are below age of 35 / or are new to the evaluation profession	6
<b>Leadership</b>	
Name of current president/chairperson	Bali Andriantseheno
Number of members of board/leadership group	7
How active would you judge your VOPE's leadership to be?*	Inactive – we haven't met in over a year A little active – meet at least once/year

	Fairly active – meet at least quarterly <b>Quite active – meet monthly</b> Very active – creatively organizing frequent events to serve our members
Does your VOPE have a paid secretariat?	No <b>Yes – part-time</b> Yes – full-time
Means of communication with members (check all that apply)	<b>Email listserv</b> Social media Newsletter <b>Website</b> Publications <b>Annual report</b> Other:
Number of newsletters sent during past year	
When was last Annual Report sent to members?	[December 2014]
Have you used the IOCE VOPE Institutional Capacity Toolkit? <a href="http://www.vopetoolkit.ioce.net">www.vopetoolkit.ioce.net</a>	<b>No (at least not yet)</b> Yes, but only a little Yes, extensively
<b><u>VOPE Activities</u></b>	
<b>Purpose and mission of VOPE*</b> (brief description)	Promotion of the Evaluation culture for more development results and more accountability
<b>Recent events or other activities*</b> (brief description)	- Organization of an international training session on Public Policy Evaluation in collaboration with ENAP Québec - Launch of the celebration of EvalYear - Launch of the design process of a National Evaluation Policy Document
Has your VOPE adapted or developed standards or guidelines?	No <b>Not yet (but we're working on it)</b> Yes
If so, where are they accessible?	[website]
Methods: Experiences in strengthening skills of individual members, by (for example):	<b>organizing workshops led by local experts;</b> organizing webinars with international speakers; designing and delivering e-learning programmes; administering mentoring programmes Other: organizing local workshops led by representatives from international organizations present in Madagascar
<b><u>VOPE Affiliations</u></b>	
Is this VOPE is an institutional member of any regional or international network?	No <b>Yes</b>
If so, name (acronym) of regional/international	AFREA

network(s)	
Has your VOPE participated in a P2P or Innovation Challenge grant-supported project in the past?	No Yes
If so, what year?	2014
With what VOPEs/other organizations did you partner?	AME (Morocco) and RISE (Côte d'Ivoire)
<b><u>Advocacy for Enabling Environment for Evaluation</u></b>	
Has your VOPE advocated for and influenced governmental evaluation policies and systems? (If so, please describe in Part II below.)	No, it is not within the scope of our VOPE to address governmental policies <b>Not yet, but we're working on it</b> Yes, but in a modest way Yes, in a significant way
Does your government have a National Evaluation Policy (for conducting and using evaluations)?	<b>No</b> Coming – NEP in process of being developed and approved Yes – but dispersed among ministries Yes – one over-all policy
Has your VOPE partnered with parliamentarians in your country?	No (at least not yet) <b>Yes, a little</b> Yes, actively
Have you used the Advocacy Toolkit available at <a href="http://www.mymande.org/evalpartners/advocacytoolkit">www.mymande.org/evalpartners/advocacytoolkit</a> ?	<b>No (at least not yet)</b> Yes, but only a little Yes, extensively
<b><u>EvalYear (2015)</u></b>	
Is your VOPE planning any special events to commemorate the International Year of Evaluation?	No Yes
If so, briefly describe:	- Launch event organized - Thematic Cafés organized and still ongoing
On what dates?	March 2015, Oct-Dec 2015
Has your national government made a declaration regarding EvalYear?	No Yes
Have one or more Civil Society Organizations made declarations regarding EvalYear?	No Yes
<b><u>Research Consent</u></b>	
Do you consent to being contacted in the future for research studies that may help to improve services to the network of VOPEs? ( <i>Selecting "yes" merely indicates your willingness to be contacted. You are not obligated to participate in any study.</i> )	No Yes
<b>Date this information was submitted/updated*</b>	October 9, 2015

You are also invited to respond to the more detailed questions in the longer questionnaire below.

Note: This section has not changed from the former version of the IOCE-VOPE survey questionnaire. While you could simply copy what you submitted previously, it would be a good idea to update this information.

This entire Word document should then be saved with a title like "Country-VOPE-Survey Response 2015" [name of your country/region - acronym of VOPE - Survey Response 2015]. Please send to [Lynn@IOCE.net](mailto:Lynn@IOCE.net). It will then be posted to the [www.IOCE.net](http://www.IOCE.net) website where such survey responses from VOPEs around the world can be seen. If your VOPE has a logo, you are welcome to send it to Lynn as well.

Any questions for clarification can be addressed to [Lynn@IOCE.net](mailto:Lynn@IOCE.net).

## Part II. Expanded information on VOPE's experience with Evaluation Capacity Building

### Additional basic ID information:

Physical/Postal address of VOPE	c/o ONG SAHA Lot II Y 33 C Ampasanimalo 101 Antananarivo Madagascar
Phone number	+261 33 01 34160 / +261 33 71 68363
Is your VOPE supported by external funding?	Yes / No
If so, please name the external funding source(s).	- Swiss Cooperation through the MATOY Program - UNICEF - UNDP - The World Bank
<b>Evaluation culture:</b>	
How prevalently would you say evaluations are commissioned and used by the government of your country?	Evaluations are rarely by the Government.
How prevalently are evaluations commissioned and used by donors?	For now, evaluations are mostly commissioned by Donors
How prevalently are evaluations commissioned and used by NGOs and CSOs?	Very rarely
Approximately what proportion of the number of persons who conduct evaluations in your country do you estimate are members of your VOPE?	10%

<p>What reasons do you guess other evaluators have not yet chosen to participate in activities of your VOPE?</p>	<p>Many people have expressed their interest in our VOPE but we still stay selective in enrolling new members as we prefer getting active new members and stay few instead of having a huge number benefit they of membership while most will not even want to contribute in the association activities and development. Many people want to join because of just the foresee from the association.</p>
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<p><b>1. Background:</b> Please provide a brief history of the formation of this organization (VOPE).  1.1 Who were/are the key players?  1.2 Who are the key leaders currently?  1.3 What are the main existing strengths that your VOPE is trying to capitalize on?  1.4 What are the main</p>	<p>1.1 Mostly the actual Board members  1.2 The President, the Vice-President, the Secretary General, and a few Counselors  1.3 Each member's readiness to contribute and work for the success of the VOPE  1.4 We would like to be able to hire a full time Executive Secretary but we do not have enough resources to do so yet!</p>
<p>challenges that your VOPE is trying to address?</p>	
<p><b>2. Organizational motivation:</b> What were/are the driving forces for the formation of the VOPE and its historical development?</p>	<p>Founding of the VOPE started with the readiness of a few friends who were convinced that the country needs to invest in better evaluations and more evaluation ownership to accompany its development</p>
<p><b>3. Evaluation Capacity Building:</b> What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&amp;E) capacity?</p>	<p>Yes indeed! We just organized this year a big international training session on Public Policy Evaluation in close collaboration with ENAP Québec. It was international because of the institutional collaboration in its design but also because of its participants (we had 11 participants from the Comoros Islands)</p>
<p><b>4. Context / target entities:</b>  More specifically, who are the persons or institutions your organization seeks to influence (to strengthen evaluation capacity)? For example:  4.1 Technical capacities to <i>supply</i> quality evaluations, partnering with experts, local universities or others to provide training for members, etc.;  4.2 Strengthening VOPE organizational capacity itself;  4.3 Enhancing the enabling environment for evaluation, including strengthening the <i>demand</i> for and use of evaluations by policy makers;  4.4 Influencing governmental policies related to evaluation, evaluation designs and implementation of M&amp;E systems, etc.</p>	<p>4.1 We are starting negotiations with the Polytechnic School of the University of Antananarivo, to set up a training cursus on M&amp;E for its engineers 3rd year students  4.2 We are sending members on regional and international training from time to time. We sent to the PIFED in Québec 1 person in 2014 and another member went there this year. And this Year 2 more people went to a Training of Trainers session on Impact Evaluations in Dakar.  4.2 We will be starting soon internal training sessions</p>

	<p>between members!</p> <p>4.4 We will be launching the design of the National Evaluation Policy in close collaboration with the Prime Minister's office and the Ministry of Planning and Economy.</p>
<p><b>5. Public accountability:</b> Is your VOPE helping to strengthen oversight and transparency of government programs? If so, in what ways? Can you share any success stories of evaluators or others promoting public accountability?</p>	<p>Not yet but we are aiming to contribute to develop more and more national capacity within the Government and within the Parliament!</p>
<p><b>6. More specifically, what are some of the key themes for which you advocate?</b> For example, are you promoting issues related to cultural sensitivity, equity, social justice, empowerment, transformation, gender, environment, poverty? If so, please describe or attach relevant documents.</p>	<p>After the first ever national evaluation days, we intend to push for the integration of cultural evaluation legacy into the upcoming national evaluation policy document and the national evaluation standard</p>
<p><b>7. Methods:</b> Experiences in strengthening skills of individual</p>	<p>- organizing international training sessions where members benefits many</p>
<p>members, by (for example): organizing workshops led by local experts; organizing webinars with international speakers; designing and delivering e-learning programmes; administering mentoring programmes; etc.</p>	<p>advantages compared to outside persons - organizing exchanges with international organizations to share the M&amp;E policy of their institution with MASSE members - delivering soon special courses on M&amp;E at Universities</p>
<p><b>8. Standards:</b> Has your VOPE developed professional standards/ ethical codes/ competencies (or adheres to those developed by others)? If so, please provide documentation.</p>	<p>Upcoming with the National Evaluation Standard</p>
<p><b>9. Job opportunities:</b> Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?</p>	<p>Yes, a lot!</p>
<p><b>10. Progress and results:</b> What progress has been achieved so far in any of the above or other domains? What are expected and unexpected results achieved?</p>	<p>We start to feel that Government authorities are more accepting the idea to take the lead of evaluation processes. We will be organizing soon a huge reunion of all Ministry's Secretary General where we will contribute into the development of their evaluation understanding!</p>
<p><b>11. Lessons learned:</b> Recommendations/ tips to others for good practices on how to organize and sustain VOPEs like yours.</p>	<p>Share and provoke reactions from time to time through mailing lists and other social media.</p>
<p><b>12. Next steps:</b> What does your VOPE plan to</p>	<p>Start the M&amp;E course with the Polytechnic School of the University of Antananarivo</p>

do next?	
<b>13. Willing to share with other VOPEs?</b> For example, would you be interested in forming peer-to-peer partnerships with one or more other VOPEs to share lessons learned, advise each other? If so, describe what you would be willing to share / advice you would seek.	Of course and we already did with AME and RISE
<b>14. Suggestions:</b> What ideas do you have for what should be included in activities of IOCE and the EvalPartners Initiative?	It would be appreciated if IOCE/EvalPartners could help set up more Regional Evaluation Platforms mostly in Africa as AFREA's international conferences are too huge and costly so it could be better to push for more sub-regional and regional gatherings around evaluation and between evaluation interested parties!
<b>15. Want to be actively involved?</b> Does your VOPE want to be actively involved in IOCE and EvalPartners? If so, in what ways?	Yes we do! We would like to contribute more actively in IOCE/Evalpartners activities by getting into the Board and participate in the strategic gear of IOCE and Evalpartners
16. Would you be willing to write up a case study providing more detailed analysis of your VOPE's experiences?	Eventually yes but not immediately!

*Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to this survey. As stated in the instructions, it will be added to the [www.IOCE.net](http://www.IOCE.net) website so persons interested in learning more about your VOPE, or looking for evaluators in your country (or state or province) will have access to this information about your VOPE.*